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PROCEDURES, PARIS, JANUARY 9-21, 1978

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1. DEPT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S APPROACH TO FMG IN RESPONSE

TO REFTEL A.

2. AT ITS DISCRETION, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO ASSURE NIGERIAN OFFICIAL SANU (RE PARA 2 OF REF. B) THAT PROBLEM OF ENFORCING DECISIONS NOT TAKEN BY CONSENSUS DOES NOT ARISE IN CONTEXT OF UNESCO'S HUMAN RIGHTS PROCEDURES SINCE, ONCE ADOPTED, THEIR IMPLEMENTATION BY SECRETARIAT AND EXECUTIVE BOARD COULD NOT BE PREVENTED BY NON-COOPERATION OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES. MOREOVER, ONE OF MAIN GOALS OF PROCEDURES (AND ONE WHICH WE SHARE AND ON WHICH THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT) IS TO MAXIMIZE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS THROUGH PROCESS OF CONCILIATION.

3. YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO NOTE THAT ANALOGOUS PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAVE FUNCTIONED RELATIVELY WELL DESPITE FACT THAT PROCEDURES WERE NOT ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND INDEED WERE IN GENERAL STRONGLY OPPOSED BY SOVIETS. VANCE

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